



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dale J Schmidt Sheriff **Scott Smith** Chief Deputy

Law of the Month

June 2016

As of June 1, 2010, the State of Wisconsin enacted a law requiring that all vehicles driven on Wisconsin roads have liability insurance. Prior to that law, liability insurance was not mandatory. Even though the law has been in effect for 6 years, Dodge County Sheriff's Office deputies still make contact with many motorists who do not comply with the requirement. In 2015, the sheriff's office issued 109 citations for this violation.

Operating motor vehicle without insurance carries a fine of \$200.50 and 0 points.

344.62(1) states: No person may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless the owner or operator of the vehicle has in effect a motor vehicle liability policy with respect to the vehicle being operated.

It is also required to carry proof of the insurance. Violation of this requirement carries a fine of \$10 and 0 points.

Capt. Trace Frost of the Dodge County Sheriff's Office wants to remind all motorists of this law. Frost said, "Driving without insurance can result in a substantial fine and severe financial liability if involved in a crash. Neither are chances you want to take."